

AMOS L. HOOD.

JANUARY 29, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. KERR, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3190.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3190) granting a pension to Amos L. Hood, having considered the same, adopt the report of the Senate Committee on Pensions, and recommend the passage of the bill.

SENATE REPORT.

This soldier was first pensioned June 9, 1887, for catarrh and deafness, the rate at the time being fixed at \$14 per month. The rate of pension was afterwards increased to \$25 per month, and still later to \$27 per month. Subsequently, on the report of a special examiner, the claimant was dropped from the pension roll for the alleged reason that his deafness existed prior to his enlistment, and could not, therefore, have been contracted in the line of duty; and this action was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior. Claimant insists that the rulings of the Commissioner of Pensions and the Secretary of the Interior were erroneous, and furnishes evidence in support of his claim.

Giving him the benefit of the doubt, your committee recommend that the bill be passed.